

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples whose dedication and devotion to each other in love have been admirably demonstrated through the longevity of their marital relationships; and

Whereas, on July 2, 1941, Harry F. Hardesty, Sr., took the lovely hand of his bride, Fern K. Cazal, as the two pledged their troth and fidelity during a solemn, joyful marriage ceremony which took place in Champaign, Illinois, and was followed by a honeymoon in Canada; and

Whereas, in the intervening sixty-three years which have transpired since that wonderful day, Harry and Fern Hardesty have had their lives truly blessed by the appearance of three children into their lives, Harry F. Hardesty, Jr., Ronald W. Hardesty, and Donald G. Hardesty; and

Whereas, Harry and Fern Hardesty have also welcomed eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren into their extended family; and

Whereas, Harry Hardesty diligently provided for his wife and children through twenty years as a construction engineer with the federal government, a professional undertaking from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, Fern Hardesty likewise contributed to the health, security, and needs of her family through her fifteen-year-long endeavors with the federal government in the field of finance and data processing; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty are active members of the Ozark community where Harry is known as a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge and recipient of its Fifty-year Pin, a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans, a collector of marbles, and a fan of music, while Fern has attained distinction for her collection of antique dolls and toys:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage enjoyed by Harry and Fern Hardesty down through the years and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they observe the Sixty-third Anniversary of their vows to become husband and wife; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Harry F. and Fern K. Hardesty of Ozark, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4699, adopted November 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker